

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY—JANUARY 24, 2017
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: Village President Hofeld called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. There were approximately six people from the public present. Three press representatives were in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Village President Hofeld led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Clerk Marilyn Thomas called the roll. Those present were Village President Richard Hofeld, Trustee Barbara Dawkins, Trustee Lisa Purcell, Trustee Karen Washington, and Trustee Larry Burnson. Trustee Anne Colton and Trustee Jay Heiferman were absent.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF: Village President Hofeld introduced staff members in attendance: Village Attorney Christopher Cummings, Village Manager Jim Marino, Director of Finance Dennis Bubenik, and Director of Community Marketing and Events Zachary Thomas.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of January 10, 2017, were accepted. A motion was made by Trustee Burnson and seconded by Trustee Washington to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2017 regular board meeting.

Roll Call: AYES – Trustees Dawkins, Purcell, Washington, and Burnson. NAYS – None. Motion carried.

CLAIMS LIST: The Claims List of \$440,058.04 was reviewed. There were no questions from the Trustees.

A motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Purcell to approve the Claims List as presented.

Roll Call: AYES – Trustees Dawkins, Purcell, Washington, and Burnson. NAYS – None. Motion carried.

President Hofeld said one claim of \$160,781.84 to E-Comm was 37 percent of the Claims List.

HEAR FROM THE AUDIENCE: President Hofeld invited members of the audience to speak on any subject not on the agenda. No comments were offered.

APPOINTMENTS: A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Washington to approve the appointments of Mary Krause and Laura Klupchak to the

Beautification Committee.

Roll Call: AYES – Trustees Dawkins, Purcell, Washington, and Burnson. NAYS – None. Motion carried.

OMNIBUS VOTE: Clerk Thomas presented the Omnibus Vote:

- A. ORDINANCE M-2019 / SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT: Pass an ordinance providing for the sale of certain personal property owned by the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.
- B. ANNUAL REPORT / SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Accept the 2016 Annual Report for the Senior Advisory Committee.
- C. RESOLUTION R-2268 / NORTHERN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC COLLABORATIVE POOL-ELECTRICITY PURCHASE: Pass a resolution authorizing the Village Manager or Finance Director to contract for the purchase of electricity.
- D. RESOLUTION R-2271 / CLASS 8 PROPERTY TAX DESIGNATION / 1111 MAPLE AVENUE: Pass a resolution supporting and consenting to a Class 8 Cook County tax classification for the property located at 1111 Maple Avenue, Homewood, Cook County, Illinois, on behalf of Sherwin-Williams.
- E. DOWNTOWN TOD TIF DISTRICT STUDY:
 - i. ORDINANCE M-2020 / FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR ESTABLISHING A TIF DISTRICT: Pass an ordinance authorizing a study of the feasibility of establishing tax increment allocation financing to improve deteriorating physical conditions and stimulate transit-oriented development within the Village of Homewood Central Business District.
 - ii. ORDINANCE M-2021 / ESTABLISHING AN INTERESTED PARTIES REGISTRY AND ADOPTING RULES: Pass an ordinance establishing an interested parties registry and adopting rules for such registry for the proposed downtown TOD Redevelopment Project Area in the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Burnson to pass, award, authorize, approve, and accept the Omnibus Vote Items A to E.

Roll Call: AYES – Trustees Dawkins, Purcell, Washington, and Burnson. NAYS – None. Motion carried.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE M-2018 SIGN VARIANCE for 2131-183rd Street

Petitioner Chris Reickerman, owner of Lassen's Tap, requested a variance from the size of signs permitted in the downtown overlay zoning district, which includes 183rd Street. Reickerman was represented by Michael Matthys of the Linden Group who presented Trustees with drawings of how a larger sign will look and how it will be hung from the building. Reickerman petitioned for both a larger sign and a sign that would have a projection 5.1 feet from the building.

Matthys said the ordinance sign restrictions would make Lassen's sign too small for east-west drivers to read, and noted that businesses on both corners of the 2100 block have large elevated signs that would dwarf the Lassen's sign if it kept to the ordinance restrictions. Matthys added that if trustees approved this variance, Reickerman will not post a sign on the east side of the building.

The Appearance Commission voted 3-2 for approval of the variance. Village staff did not concur.

Trustees said the visuals presented by Matthys helped them understand what the proposed sign would look like and how it will be visible for drivers. They did not voice any objections.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Burnson to approve a sign variance for Chris Reickerman of Lassen's Tap.

Roll Call: AYES – Trustees Dawkins, Purcell, Washington, and Burnson. NAYS – None. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL INCENTIVE REQUEST/COPPER STILL ENTERTAINMENT GROUP/ 1961 RIDGE ROAD

The board was asked to consider a request from Dana McDermott and Christina D'Ambrosio of Copper Still Entertainment Group, for financial assistance from the non-TIF Business Incentive Program to help cover additional remodeling costs. The request is for \$34,998 to cover half of the plumbing work in the basement of the building at 1961 Ridge Road that is being converted to a Speakeasy style bar.

To meet all the necessary codes, the work has been extensive. David McDermott, speaking for the enterprise, said the money would give the company some relief from the mounting bills. The business has already spent \$150,000 renovating the building. The first floor martini bar is open.

President Hofeld said the business is what trustees have been trying to get done in the downtown business district.

A motion was made by Trustee Purcell and seconded by Trustee Burnson to approve a payment of \$34,998 from the non-TIF Business Incentive Program for expenses incurred by Copper Still Entertainment Group at 1961 Ridge Road.

Roll Call: AYES – Trustees Dawkins, Purcell, Washington, and Burnson. NAYS – None. Motion carried.

MANAGER’S REPORT: None.

GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION: Trustee Purcell invited the community to the St. Joseph Church Winter Picnic on Saturday, January 28, from 4 to 11 p.m., in the school gym.

Trustee Washington invited the community to the first Indoor Farmers Market on Saturday, January 28, from 8 a.m. to noon, at the Irwin Center.

Director of Community Marketing and Events Zachary Thomas invited the community to the annual Chocolate Fest on February 18. He said applications are available for professionals and amateurs interested in being part of the chocolate creations competition. He also said the Fire Department was hosting a blood drive on Saturday, January 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made at 8:05 p.m. by Trustee Burnson and seconded by Trustee Washington for the board to move into Executive Session. The board will review previous Executive Session minutes to determine what can be released to the public, and an employee performance issue for a specific employee.

Roll Call: AYES – Trustees Dawkins, Purcell, Washington, and Burnson. NAYS – None. Motion carried.

The board returned from Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. A motion was made by Trustee Burnson and seconded by Trustee Dawkins to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Adjournment was by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Thomas
Village Clerk